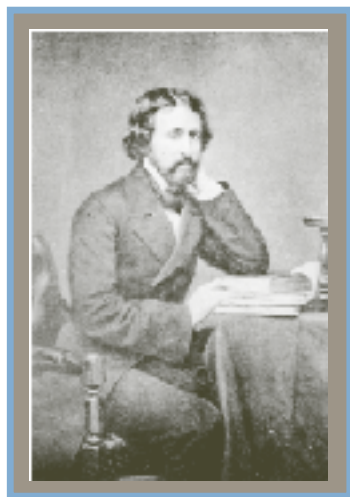"...Abraham Lincoln, then an obscure lawyer, spoke to a rally for John Fremont, the Republican presidential nominee. This was the only time that Lincoln addressed an audience in Michigan. The event was almost unnoticed in the press. Some Republicans felt the speaker was too conservative on the antislavery issue. Four years later Michigan's vote helped put Lincoln in the White House."

Celebrate the man, Lincoln, and learn more about his visit to Kalamazoo 150 years ago. The Kalamazoo Public Library and the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Committee present these events as a tribute to Abraham Lincoln's sole Michigan appearance, in Bronson Park on August 27, 1856.

"The question is simply this: Shall slavery be into new territories, or not? This is the naked question."

— *Excerpt from the speech given in Bronson Park by Lincoln in support of the Republican candidate, John C. Fremont, pictured above.*

Panel Discussion of *Manhunt*

» *Monday, August 21, 2006*
   7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
   Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 S. Rose St.

In his fascinating tale of murder, intrigue, and betrayal, James L. Swanson recounts the most famous manhunt in U.S. history — the pursuit and capture of President Abraham Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth. A panel of Civil War history enthusiasts will discuss the book and consider the role of Dr. Samuel Mudd, the physician who set Booth's leg, broken when he jumped to the Ford's Theatre stage after shooting Lincoln.

Copies of Swanson's *Manhunt: The Twelve Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer*, plus other materials about Lincoln and the Civil War, may be purchased at the event, courtesy of Barnes & Noble.

Panel Members:

Panel Moderator State Senator Tom George, MD, has written articles on state and local history, including *"Tom Starr's Comet: Lincoln Returns to Kalamazoo"* and produced a video, *"Lincoln in Michigan,"* broadcast statewide on PBS.

Thomas Mudd, BA, MA, in History, historian, teacher and great-grandson of Dr. Samuel Mudd, has written dozens of articles on the history of Saginaw, where he serves on the Saginaw Historic District Commission and as president of the Saginaw Valley Historic Preservation Society.

Ralph Gordon, MD, MA, in the History of Medicine, member of the Society of Civil War Surgeons, Inc., the American Osler Society, and the Kalamazoo Area Civil War Roundtable, has written extensively on medical history, especially during the mid-nineteenth century and Civil War.

Margean Gladysz, MLS, former KPL community information librarian, serves on the Kalamazoo Area Civil War Roundtable committee that awards the *Albert Castel Award* for the best *Western Theater Civil War Book of the Year*.

Abraham and Mary Lincoln – A House Divided

» *Tuesday, August 22, 2006*
   7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
   Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 S. Rose St.

From award-winning filmmaker David Grubin, this miniseries weaves together the troubled lives of a dirt-farmer's son and a wealthy Southern slave-owner's daughter. Together, Abraham and Mary Lincoln ascended to the pinnacle of power at the most difficult time in the nation's history, the Civil War. Lincoln's legacy as the Great Emancipator reshaped the nation while his tragic death left Mary reclusive and forgotten. The library will screen *"Episode One: Ambition"* and *"Episode Two: We Are Elected,"* originally broadcast nationwide in the acclaimed PBS series, *American Experience*.

Meet Union Spy Sarah Emma Edmonds

» *Wednesday, August 23, 2006*
   7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
   Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 S. Rose St.

Civil War reenactor Sally Redinger will share the story of Sarah Emma Edmonds, who served with the 2nd Michigan Volunteers as Private Franklin Thompson, a male nurse, successfully evading detection for a year. As Private Frank, Sarah successfully infiltrated the Confederate Army numerous times, in multiple disguises. She participated in the Battle of Blackburn's Ford, First Bull Run / Manassas, the Peninsular Campaign, Antietam, and Fredericksburg. After the war Emma wrote her memoirs titled Nurse and Spy in the Union Army. A program for the whole family.